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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012 APPROVED AUGUST 13, 2012

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, July 30, 2012.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
Tom Congoran, Selectman
George Langwasser, Selectman
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Denis Goddard, Selectman

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with regards to a building permit for a handicap ramp in the mobile home park.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser,
and Congoran voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against; motion passes; 4-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of July 16, 2012. Selectman Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectman Congoran to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting. Corrections of spelling were made.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser,
and Congoran voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against; motion passes; 4-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of July 16, 2012, Session I. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting. These minutes were not sealed

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser,
and Congoran voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against; motion passes; 4-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of July 16, 2012, Session II. Selectman Congoran made a motion, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser,
and Congoran voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against; motion passes; 4-0.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

John Thayer, Highway Superintendent is in to see the Board. Chairmen O'Brien thanked John and the Highway crew for their quick response to the storm and further stating the crew did a great job.

Mr. Thayer reports the highway garage is down but is still at the site. Asbestos was found in the building and that require professionals to come in and remove it. Abatement paperwork has been filed.

Mr. Thayer reported that he received 5 bids for the chassis replacement for the 10 wheeler that was destroyed in the fire and 3 bids for the body. He has decided to go with Freightliner for the chassis and with Donovan for the body. The approximate cost will be \$149,900. A discussion ensued with regards to how to finance the purchase, including petitioning the DRA to allow us to expend from the fund balance, lease purchase, or special town meeting. The Board would like Mr. Cass to petition the DRA. Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to authorize John Thayer to enter into an agreement with Freightliner for the purchase of a chassis in the amount of \$118,900 and to enter into an agreement with Donovan for the purchase of a body in the amount of \$31,000.

Fire Update: We have received checks for the 350-\$3564.45; Loader-\$4351.56; grader-\$1468.90 which we will have to hold a public hearing to accept the funds; we will be receiving the following for the New Holland-\$46,725.00; the 10-wheeler-\$74,000.00 and the 6-wheeler -\$20,000.

Mr. Cass reports that we have received no word on how much we will receive for the building, however, Mr. Cass and the attorney Sharon Somers are in agreement as to how they interrupt the insurance policy.

Mr. Cass reported that the RFQ is proceeding.

Selectmen Langwasser suggested the following people for the committee to oversee the rebuilding of the highway building: Don Houston, John Thayer, Kent Barton, Greg Roberts, Bob McCabe and Jack Ruderman. Mr. Cass suggested that there be a clerk of the works to oversee and coordinate everything, making one person responsible for communication. Mr. Thayer stated he is using all highway personnel to help in the design of the layout of the building.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to appoint Don Houston, John Thayer, Kent Barton, Greg Roberts, Bob McCabe and Jack Ruderman to the committee for the reconstruction of the public works building.

Mr. Thayer noted that Spring Street has been paved.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Merle Dustin stated someone drove their truck over what is left of the lawn at the gazebo and left tire tracks behind. She suggested that a sign be put up to keep them off that part of the lawn. Mr. Cass will speak to Greg Roberts for suggestions. Merle Dustin also informed the Board that the trash is piling up on Dustin Road.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Human Services Committee will work with Marilyn Bresaw to assess and identify the needs of the community. A discussion ensued with regards to how the committee will work. The Board made a few changes to the charge. A discussion ensued about the need for confidentiality and that once a need and person is identified, the committee cannot do follow up. The Board will discuss names for the committee next time we meet.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cass informed the Board that the Staff Appreciation Cookout will be held with the School summer staff on August 9 at Kimball Cabins

Mr. Cass informed the Board that Bob LaPree reported the Community Center Committee received about 200 surveys back and they are going through them now.

A discussion ensued with regards to the firms that answered the RFQ for the Fire Department. The Board would like to interview the top 3 at the next meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairmen O'Brien noted he will be at the 50th Dam Anniversary on Saturday July 28.

Chairmen O'Brien also received a complaint that employees were not checking the bags at the transfer station. Mr. Cass stated he received a list of names from Jolene of the people who did not use the bags. Selectmen Langwasser noted that when he goes to the transfer station, they always check his sticker and bags. He believes the employees are very diligent about checking.

Mr. Cass informed the Board that the following people have signed up for the Cable Committee: Bob LaPree, Cettie Connolly, Matthew Stone (IT from the school) and Denis Goddard. Attorney Somers has all the agreements.

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Pellerin, seconded by Selectman Congoran to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser,
And Congoran voting in favor of the motion;
No votes against; motion passes; 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.

